

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 29, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

KUSAHC hosts change of command tomorrow

There will be a Change of Command ceremony at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic 10 a.m., June 24, in front of the clinic. Col. John M. Wempe will relinquish his command to Lt. Col. William A. Rice.

In case of inclement weather the ceremony will take place at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300. The dress is duty uniform.

Reception will follow at the KUSAHC Readiness Training Center

KUSAHC will be closed in the morning with the exception of active duty sick call at 5:30 a.m.

The pharmacy will be open until 9:30 a.m.

Road closure continues

Grant Road at Skippers Point Road will be closed until the end of October.

The construction company C&R Environmental Associates will be readying the old family housing buildings for demolition.

Occupants are asked to keep children and pets out of this area. Police will be patrolling the area to make sure unauthorized persons stay out.

For more information, call Richard B. Dunham, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-1163.

Volunteer Council meets this morning

The Volunteer Advisory Council will meet 10 a.m., June 23 at the Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road. All APG organizations and units that utilize volunteers are invited to send a representative.

The focus will be on

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APG biologists rescue eaglet



Photo by JOE ONDEK, ATC

A young eaglet looks out from its perch atop a tower in the secure area of Aberdeen Proving Ground moments after being returned to its nest June 14. Installation wildlife biologists, environmentalists and a local rehabilitator collaborated on the bird's safety after it was found on the ground after falling from its nest two days before. See article on page 14.

Minority College Relations Program comes to APG

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

The new Minority College Relations Program, MCRP, was recently established at Aberdeen Proving Ground under the auspices of the U.S. Army Garrison's Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

Neslie Ethridge, who was recently appointed by the APG Garrison commander, heads the MCRP, established by six executive orders and Department of the Army policies focusing on establishing partnerships

with Historically Black Colleges and other minority institutions.

"The program seeks partnerships that hopefully will attract job seekers to APG," Ethridge said. "The bottom line is that our baby boomers are leaving us. Within six years, much of the highly experienced DA workforce will be gone. We have to start now to identify those who can fill the holes in engineering, technology and other areas.

"We hope to reach out to minority institutions, locate promising students,

assign mentors to aid and assist them through school, and hopefully, they will turn around and seek a job here," Ethridge said.

"We have to grow our own replacements, and who better to train them than the force we have now," he added.

Along with HBCs, the MCRP requires the administration of aggressive outreach strategies that promote mutually beneficial collaborative partnerships and relationships with Tribal Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions."

"This is where the EEO comes in," Ethridge said. "The program is also designed to deal with shortfalls in demographics, and for this reason, MCRP program managers must look outside the state.

"We're in the process of establishing ties with Maryland schools like Morgan, Coppin and Bowie state universities; but to meet the Hispanic requirements, we have to go outside the state," Ethridge said.

Thus, partnerships with schools with high Hispanic populations, such as the University of Texas at El Paso and Hudson City Community College in Jersey City, N.J., are being considered.

To meet the Native American

requirement, the program is looking at Keweenaw Bay Okibwa Community College in Baraga County, Mich.

Ethridge noted that the MCRP mission states that, "The Department of the Army is fully committed to advancing the development of human potential by strengthening the capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions and other minority institutions."

"This means that the institutions also benefit from the program," he said.

"Partnering with DoD opens doors to obtaining grants, scholarships, contracts, summer internships, and grants and having access to surplus equipment, that they might not have otherwise been able to achieve or obtain," Ethridge said.

"The student benefits by having a knowledgeable mentor, and possible summer employment, and APG organizations gain interns they may not have otherwise been able to afford," he said. "Organizations like the U.S. Army Materiel Command and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory have had their own scholarship programs for years."

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DIO emphasizes dumpsters not for metals refuse

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Repeated incidents of unauthorized metals being discarded in refuse dumpsters are costing the installation in time and dollars.

The Directorate of Installation Operations is reminding organizations and division leaders to stress to employees that these dumpsters are for items that can be burned at the Waste to Energy Recovery Plant.

According to the Solid Waste Management Division, scrap metals are prohibited from being placed in refuse dumpsters. Separating unauthorized metals found in the dumpsters from other trash means more work for

refuse contractors and extra dollars spent by the installation.

"Scrap metals should be placed in the DRMO scrap yard where the funds are regenerated back into the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division for the Soldiers," said Debora Meranski, DIO contract performance representative.

"Scrap metal is a valuable commodity on this installation," Meranski said, "When it's placed into the dumpsters it is no longer a source of income but an additional cost placed on the garrison.

"The bottom line is that anything metal is not supposed to be disposed See METALS, page 12

Ozone Action Days: red, orange--the colors to remember

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Ozone Action Days usually occur on hot, humid, and hazy days with little or no wind, much like the weather in the Maryland area. When atmospheric temperatures reach into the 90s, air pollutants produce ground-level ozone approaching unhealthy levels.

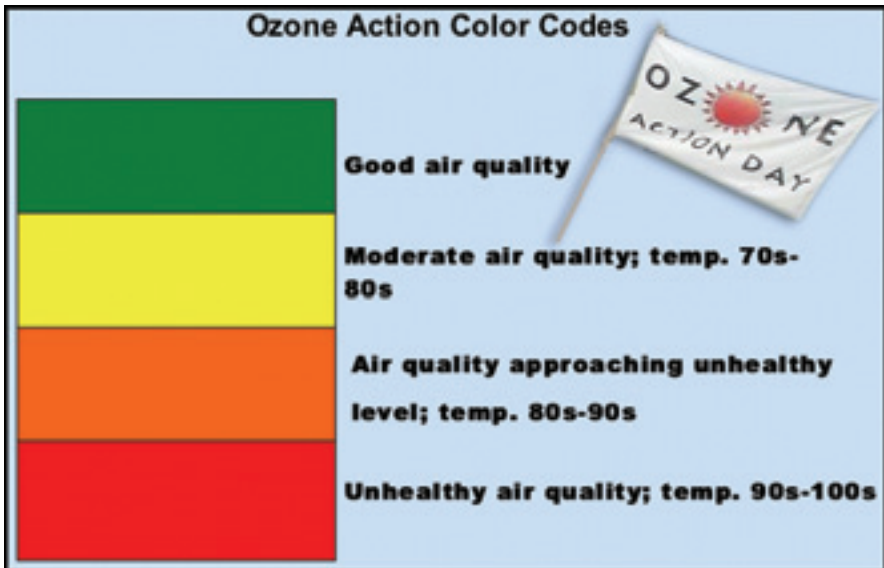
Conditions are most favorable for ozone action days to occur during the May through September period when air quality limits exceed the federal health standard limits for ozone.

Aberdeen Proving Ground has

been a participant in the Ozone Action Days Program since 1996 when it became one of the first members of the "Endzone Partners" a group of government, businesses, private organizations and individual citizens that take extra steps to reduce ground-level ozone.

Ozone, a colorless gas, is created by a chemical reaction between nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds in the presence of sunlight. Motor vehicle and industrial emissions, gasoline vapors, and chemical solvents as well as natural resources

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An Ozone Action Days flag can be found just after the barriers at each Aberdeen Proving Ground gate entrance. The color of the flag each day denotes the level of ozone in the air and its anticipated health effect.

Ordnance Soldiers celebrate Army Birthday by reenlisting

Khaalid Walls

Three Ordnance Soldiers celebrated the Army's 230th birthday June 14 by reenlisting for an additional three years in front of Ordnance Circle.

Prior to participating in a three-mile regimental run in celebration of the Army's birthday, Col. Frank Merritt, commander, 61st Ordnance Brigade, administered the Oath of Enlistment before an audience of PT-clad Soldiers, Airmen and Marines, who simultaneously reaffirmed

their oaths as well.

Army recruitment and retention is currently at a critical point. According to a U.S. Army Recruiting Command report, recruitment remains a challenge for the Army, but retention is going exceedingly well. Recruitment numbers have been off by as much as 25 percent, while retention is at approximately 102 percent.

Asked why he chose to reenlist, Staff Sgt. Johnnie Harvey responded with no hesitation.

"I love what I do. I love

ordnance and I love the Ordnance Corps," he said at 5 a.m., just before embarking on the three-mile run in choking humidity.

Originally from Jacksonville, Fla., Harvey spent the last nine years in the Army as a tank turret repairman.

For Spc. Rodney Gaylor, reenlisting will provide his family with an opportunity to see the world. He spent a year in Korea on an unaccompanied tour and said he wants his family to experience the

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As dawn breaks Col. Frank Merritt, left, commander, 61st Ordnance Brigade, leads, from left, Staff Sgt. Decarlos Lambert, Spc. Rodney Gaylor and Staff Sgt. Johnnie Harvey in reaffirming the Oath of Enlistment on Ordnance Circle in celebration of the Army's 230th birthday, June 14.

Garrison selects May Yard of the Month awardees

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The APG Garrison observed the second month of the revitalized Yard of the Month program, selecting winners from the installation’s seven housing areas for the month of May.

The winning yards belonged to Col. Donald Burnett, Plumb Point Loop; Maj. Rodney Boyd, APG Mobile Home Park; Capt. Michael Koehl, Everett Road; Staff Sgt. Charles Reeder, Bayside Village; USMC Staff Sgt. Donald Creek, Patriot Village; and Pfc. Melissa Murphy, Skippers Point.

Bright flowers and carefully placed ornaments dominated the selected yards.

Elizabeth Creek said that their 16-year old son deserves the credit for their elaborately decorated Patriot Village yard.

“He loves to do yard work. He learned landscaping with his uncle when we were stationed at Camp LeJeune,” she said.

The Creek yard includes a fountain in the front and back yard and a wooden flower barrier under the front window that he cut and

placed himself.

In the APG Mobile Home Park, Girselle Boyd, the wife of Maj. Rodney Boyd, the park’s senior occupant, has flowering potted plants covering both her front and back decks and strawberries growing around the storage shed.

“I just enjoy planting,” she said. “I start as soon as the weather gets warm.”

Capt. Michael Murphy said that his wife Kat does most of the yard work.

“I just cut the grass,” he said. “She planted all the flowers herself so she deserves most of the credit.”

He did take credit however for the tree swing his four children enjoy in their park-like back yard.

Monthly awardees are honored with an installation sign posted in their front yards designating them Yard of the Month recipients for that month and parking decals which are for reserved parking spaces at the Post Exchange and Commissary.

At the end of the season, in October, monthly winners compete for Yard of the Year honors.



A Garrison commander’s Yard of the Month sign sits in front of the quarters belonging to Col. Donald Burnett, of the U.S. Army Chemical Activity, the Plumb Point Loop Yard of the Month winner for the month of May.



A platoon of police officers from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security and the APG Police Academy runs down Route 40 in Aberdeen with the Flame of Hope torch in support of the Maryland Special Olympics Torch Run June 14.

APG police lead Special Olympics Torch Run

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

On the hottest day of the year thus far, with an afternoon heat index approaching 100 degrees, police officers from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security and the APG Police Academy, continued their tradition of supporting the Special Olympics of Maryland with a Torch Run down Route 40 June 14.

Led by Kenneth Masoner, deputy provost marshal, the group met runners from the Havre de Grace police department at the Aberdeen/Havre de Grace line in front of the old Ames shopping center, and ran the Flame of Hope several miles to the intersection of Routes 7 and 40 where Harford County sheriff

deputies continued the run.

Deputies from the Harford County Sheriff Department and officers from the Bel Air Police Department escorted the runners on motorcycles and in patrol cars, controlling traffic at intersections along the way.

The escort caravan included air cooled vans for runners worn out by the heat and a special morale booster in the U.S. Army Environmental Center’s Matt “Fan Man” Andrews, the NFL Mascot Hall of Famer for the Baltimore Ravens who in his purple bus, along with fellow hall of famer, Dale “Maniac” Davis, cheered the runners on.

“It was great to see the APG police officers waiting for us,” Andrews said. “They’re all so enthusiastic. It makes me

proud to say I work at APG.”

The APG Community Policing Unit was tasked with selling Torch Run T-shirts and hats as a fundraiser for the Special Olympics. Sales exceeded state expectations. Several officers on APG instrumental in putting the event together included Sgt. Dan Rodriguez, officer Mike “Big Mike” Farlow, officer Matt Long, the State of Maryland Strongest Police Officer for 2004, and officer Steve McClain.

“This was a good run,” Masoner said. “We try to do all we can for the community.”

Masoner and others continued the 17-mile run to the Harford/Baltimore County line.

Army Leadership sends Birthday message

Dear Army Team Member:

As our Army celebrates its 230th birthday this month, we pause to reflect on the selfless service and sacrifice of generations of Soldiers, civilian employees, and their families, all of whom epitomize the tenets of the Warrior Ethos:

- I will always place the mission first*
- I will never accept defeat*
- I will never quit*
- I will never leave a fallen comrade*

The Warrior Ethos is the common thread that has tied us all together throughout 230 years of service to our nation. Since 1775, American Soldiers have answered the call to duty. From Valley Forge to the battlefields of Gettysburg, the Argonne Forest, and the shores of Normandy; from the rice paddies of Korea and Vietnam to the mountains of Afghanistan and the streets of Baghdad, our military history is rich with the willingness of generation after generation to live by the Warrior Ethos.

Soldiers serving the nation today embody the Warrior Ethos. It is central to all that we do and all that we are. It is everything we stand for as Soldiers, Army civilians, and family members. It applies in the broadest

sense, not just while in uniform and not just while in service to our country, but throughout our personal and professional lives. When we understand and live by the Warrior Ethos, it makes us better husbands and wives, better parents, better daughters and sons, and better citizens. When Soldiers--the centerpiece of our Army--and the civilian employees and family members who serve right along side them live by the Warrior Ethos, it gives us strength to maintain our commitment to freedom and to our way of life.

America's sons and daughters who are answering the call to duty are engaged in the noblest work of life, protecting our nation and enabling others to live free. To our Soldiers around the world, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families on this 230th Army birthday. We are proud of you and to serve with you. The Army and the nation are grateful for your service and sacrifice.

Thank you for answering the call to duty.

Sincerely,
Peter J. Schoomaker
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff
and
Francis J. Harvey
Secretary of the Army



Photo by STAFF SGT. REEBA CRITSER

Gen. Richard A. Cody (center right), vice chief of staff of the Army, salutes the flag at a playing of Taps on Staten Island, New York, June 14. As part of the Army's birthday and Flag Day, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg cut a ribbon to open the island's Freedom Circle. The circle is a tribute to military service members and is shaped as a ring with seven American flags from different moments in history.



After a cake-cutting ceremony, Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker congratulates Soldiers he enlisted during the Pentagon's observance of the Army's 230th birthday June 14.

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Reenlist

From front page

intricacies of life in another country.

“I want to take my family overseas to experience another culture, another part of the world,” he said.

Gaylor joined the Army three years ago, about a year after Sept. 11, 2001. He was inspired by the wave of patriotism that swept the country shortly after those tragic events.

The wheel vehicle mechanic, originally from Pender County, N.C., said he and his cousin joined around the same time, and that several of his family members had been in the military.

“My father was a Marine and he encouraged and supported my decision to join the Army,” Gaylor said.

Staff Sgt. Decarlos Lambert said he is looking forward to becoming a warrant officer. He was recently notified of his selection and is currently waiting for a date

to report for Warrant Officer Candidate School.

Lambert, originally from Albany, Ga., said he has thoroughly enjoyed his Army career. He said he couldn’t imagine having been rewarded for his competency in any other industry. The Paladin [self propelled howitzer] instructor said his being selected for warrant officer is a testament to that.

“I’ve worked very hard at my job and the Army is an organization that promotes individuals who work hard,”

The APG Forum

Commentary: PX benefit worth fighting to keep

Master Sgt. Jon Connor
Fort Leonard Wood

Throughout my 19 years in the Army, I've heard and continue to hear a lot of bashing about the post exchange, commonly called the PX. While some of the concerns are warranted, there is still plenty of good about the PX to keep me coming back.

I'll go as far to say the PX is one reason, along with the commissary, that influenced me to make a career out of the Army, so that I could continue to enjoy my privilege of shopping there throughout life.

Yes, indeed, it is a privilege for if you are not affiliated with the military in some legal capacity that meets Department of Defense requirements, you aren't allowed to shop at these facilities.

Please understand when I say PX, I am also referring to the exchange stores at all Army posts, Air Force bases,

and even those stores at the Navy and Marine Corps installations worldwide.

So, what exactly do I like about the PX?

Well, for starters, I like the fact that I don't pay any tax. That's more money into my pocket. Can you imagine how much money I've saved during the last 19 years and will save throughout a lifetime?

I also like the deals the PX offers every week. I am a consumer in the truest sense. I look for bargains everywhere I go. Every time I walk into the PX or its related stores, I look for future flyers so I know what the sales items will be.

And then I buy. As a master sergeant with a family, you know I'm not rich, but I'm able through the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's competitive credit card rate to make big purchases if the need arises. Otherwise, I pay as I go and reap the benefits.

Some of the items I have bought on sale include televisions, stereo equipment, clothes and furniture. I'm not talking about some 10-20 percent sale, but sometimes as much as 75 percent off.

I still remember standing in line in Darmstadt, Germany, in the PX parking lot one night to buy a Green Bay Packer winter jacket for \$35. The original price was about \$125 to \$150.

I also will never forget "stealing" clothing--shirts, pants and jackets--the day after Christmas at the Fort Eustis, Va., PX. The items were about 90 percent off.

And even here I bought a black leather jacket after the Christmas holidays that I paid 50 percent off, off of an already marked 75 percent discount. Talk about dirt cheap.

The memories and savings go on and on.

In all fairness to those people (those other customers) that think the PX could do a lot

more, well they are right, too. Here are some complaints I've heard: higher prices than off post; not enough assistants on the floor; price tags missing on some merchandise; unqualified department personnel; not enough variety; restrooms that need better cleaning and repair; and the list goes on.

I acknowledge these statements as part of the military culture. I try to find some good in the not-so-good, which of course is a matter of perspective.

The PX system, like everything else, is not perfect. The PX has signs posted all over saying it has people that go off post and check the prices in the stores to ensure its patrons are getting a better deal.

Well, try as it may, I know its personnel are not checking every item, as that's simply impossible. I've seen better off-post prices in specific instances, especially for music and videos.

Nevertheless, the PX has a good return policy and will price match exact items off post.

Sometimes, no exact item exists off post, so I have to decide which model for the price am I going to put down my hard-earned money on.

It is this I feel is the main draw of the PX. I have a choice that is not afforded to the average American. I can shop around and find the best deal that suits me, on post or off. Either way I win.

As I said, there is room for

improvement. But look around, what's new.

We all can be excited about the new PX being built at Fort Leonard Wood, which I understand will be twice the size of the one we have now.

Bottom line, it's our store to shop at or not. Most folks can't say that.

(Editor's note: Master Sgt. Jon Connor is the public affairs noncommissioned officer in charge and managing editor of the Guidon at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.)

Letter to the editor

Editor:

My office isn't large enough to have recycling picked up but we would like to recycle our cans and bottles.

Is there a place on post where we can take them for recycling?

Name withheld upon request

Response:

Cans and bottles can be taken to the collection center at building 3558 on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Debora Meranski

*Contract Performance Specialist
Directorate of Installation Operations*

Ozone

From front page

emit NOx and VOC.

At ground level, ozone is a serious air quality problem in the Baltimore metropolitan region that includes APG. Ozone can lower resistance to colds and pneumonia, damage lungs tissue, intensify heart and lung disease, and cause coughing and throat irritation. Even healthy adults who perform heavy physical exercise or manual labor outdoors experience unhealthful effects of ozone.

Recognizing OADs

Color codes have been assigned to help alert citizens of the amount of ozone in the air and its anticipated health effect.

“Code Red” is the unhealthy ozone situation, characterized by hot (mid 90s to 100s), humid and hazy conditions, with stagnant air, little or no wind and sunny skies. During “Code Red” days, children, elderly and individuals with respiratory ailments should reduce or postpone outdoor activities. Healthy individuals should limit strenuous outdoor work or exercise.

“Code Orange” is declared when conditions approach unhealthy levels and is characterized by temperatures in upper 80s to low 90s, light wind and slow moving high pressure system with sunny skies. During “Code Orange” days people are urged to refuel cars after dusk to limit daytime pollution releases, avoid mowing with gasoline-powered mowers and share a ride.

APG takes action on OADs

On a declared Code “Red” or “Orange” day the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment will notify the installation of an Ozone Action Day via e-mail and by hanging an ozone flag, decorated with a big orange sunburst with a white background, at the APG entrance gates and various locations across the post.

The ozone daily forecast notification is also available on the APG Web page.

In addition to hanging the ozone flags, APG reduces or eliminates operations of paint spray booths, military testing using smoke and obscurants and jet engine testing during “Code Red” or Code Orange” days. Government gas stations are closed during Ozone Action Days.

APG encourages the curtailment of grass mowing operations during these days.

APG has also converted numerous boilers from number 2 fuel oil to natural gas.

APG has acquired several bi-fuel vehicles, which can be operated with compressed natural gas too.

Employees can do their part by:

- Limiting driving. Ride-share, carpool, walk or bike.
- Taking public transportation.

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- Deferring lawn and gardening chores that use gasoline-powered equipment.
- Using gas grills instead of charcoal.
- Postponing use of oil-based paints, solvents and household cleaners that release fumes or evaporate easily.
- Not refueling on an Ozone Action Day. If absolutely necessary

to refuel, do so after dusk.

- Avoiding excessive idling.
- Keeping vehicles well tuned.
- Conserving electricity by setting air conditioners to 78 degrees Fahrenheit

For more information contact DSHE, building 4304 or call 410-306-2277 or 410-306-2278, or fax 410-306-2261.



**Channel 21 features
Pentagon channel programming**

The Pentagon Channel will feature the following programs on Channel 21. These programs are subject to change each week and will be updated accordingly.

Monday
American Veteran, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 11 a.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
Around the Services, 5:30pm

Tuesday
Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
Your Corps, 10:30 a.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 7 p.m.

Wednesday
Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
The American Veteran, 1 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m.
Your Corps, 5 p.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.

Thursday
Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 p.m. and 8pm
Army Newswatch, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News, 11 a.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.

Friday
Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.

State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.

Saturday
Around the Services, 5:30 a.m.
AFN News Europe, 6:30 a.m.
Battleground, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Your Corps, 1:30 p.m.
Opportunity Showcase, 3 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 5:30 p.m.
American Veteran, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday
Army Newswatch, 5:30 a.m., noon and 4:30 p.m.
Battleground, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Freedom Journal Iraq/Air Force Prime Time, 10:30 a.m.
Your Corps, 11 a.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News, 3 p.m.

Army Newswatch – Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army
Around the Services – From the Pentagon Channel NewsCenter, daily half-hour program featuring military news from top defense officials and the military services from around the world
Studio Five – A conversation with the military: Weekly interviews of Defense Department about today’s top issues
Your Corps – Monthly view of the men and women of the Marine Corps
Freedom Journal Iraq – A daily news

program produced by American Forces Network Iraq. The program focuses on military missions, operations and U.S. military forces in Iraq

Air Force Prime Time - A weekly topical news program covering Air Force events and people for all of Europe, Southwest Asia and Africa. Produced by the Air Force Broadcasting Service, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

Opportunity Showcase - A monthly program dealing with a variety of subjects that benefit small business owners, transitioning military members and other subjects of opportunity-produced by the United States Air Force

The American Veteran - A half-hour video news magazine designed to inform veterans, their families and their communities about the services and benefits they have earned through their service to America and to recognize and honor that service

Battleground - Every weekend, this series features historic films from WWII, Korean War, and the Vietnam War. A Pentagon Channel Original Series

American Forces Network Europe Evening News – Daily news and information from the U.S. European Command – produced by the American Forces Network Europe, Frankfurt, Germany.

Community Notes

**SATURDAY
JUNE 25
STEPPINGSTONE
BLUES FESTIVAL**

The Steppingstone Museum will host its annual blues festival, 2 to 8 p.m., featuring entertainment by The Elliott James Band, Mid-Life Crisis Blues Band, Night Street and The Christ Duarte Group.

Tickets cost \$15 per person in advance, or \$20 at the gate. To purchase tickets, call the museum office at 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1752. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

For more information, e-mail steppingstonemuseum@msn.com or visit the Web site, www.steppingstonemuseum.org.

**SUNDAY
JUNE 26
WOMEN'S DAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

The women of Ames United Methodist Church, 112 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, will

hold their annual Women's Day Worship Celebration 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 410-838-2045.

**SUNDAY THRU
THURSDAY
JUNE 26 THRU 30
HARFORD SOCCER CLUB OFFERS YOUTH TRAINING CAMP**

The Greater Harford Soccer Club will host its annual soccer camp program, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for soccer players ages 8 through 13 at the Jarrettsville Recreation Complex.

Former international player, MISL Champion player and MISL Champion coach Bobby McAvan and a staff of qualified trainers will work with young players at both the fundamental and advanced levels. All activities will be age/skill appropriate for the player.

Soccer camp cost is \$125 per player and includes a soccer ball and a GHSC Camp T-shirt. The camp is open to all soccer players regardless of whether or not they play for a GHSC team.

For more information, e-mail Marty Warner at coachm14@comcast.net.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
JULY 9 AND 10
EDGEWOODYARD SALE

Edgewood will hold its community yard sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date will be July 16 and 17. Participating housing areas include Everette Road, Deer Run, Skippers Point, Clearview Drive, Chevron Drive and Austin Road.

For more information, call 410-306-2008/2011.

SATURDAY
JULY 9
BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at VFW Post 8185, located on Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards, and are available by calling 410-642-9297, Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, or Kathy, 410-378-3594.

SATURDAY
JULY 16
BASKET BINGO

The Warrior Brotherhood Veteran's Motorcycle Club will sponsor Basket Bingo at American Legion Post 17, located on 415 Edgewood Road, Edgewood. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards.

All proceeds will benefit veteran's activities.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Carol Heard, 410-882-2328 or Carla Bloss, 410-676-0972.

SUNDAY
JULY 3
'CELEBRATETHE USA'

Pastor Stephen Schuessler and the congregation of Edgewood Assembly of God, 803 Edgewood Road, invites the community to come and "Celebrate the USA" with us at 10 a.m.

Along with guest speaker, Gerald Mayhan, we will be hosting the musical talent of The Collingsworth Family (voted "Horizon Group of the Year") and Called Away (contemporary worship music with a unique sound).

For the children, there will be a petting zoo, pony rides, puppets, balloon art, a special illusionist, face painting, crafts and a moon bounce and/or slides. There will also be a special performance by the Frontline Youth Ministry Team, as well as a basketball competition and a dunk tank.

Come and celebrate the blessings of the freedom that this nation enjoys.

Hot dogs, hamburger, and beverages will be available.

For more information, call 410-676-4455. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

MONDAY
JULY 4
KINGSVILLE PARADE

The Greater Kingsville Civic Association in cooperation with the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company will sponsor the Kingsville 4th of July parade 10 a.m., rain or shine. This year's theme is "Let's Celebrate the 50 States."

Opening ceremonies will be held at the judges viewing stand 11 a.m. presided by Bruce McCubbin, master of ceremonies, with Susie Rising performing the national anthem accompa-

nied by the John Carroll High School Band.

Participating bands include Westminster Municipal, John Carroll High School, Baltimore City Pipe Band, Baltimore Lutheran High School, Havre de Grace High School, Edgewood High School, Aberdeen High School and Fallston High School with Buttons the Clown, and the 143rd Ordnance Brigade from APG and more.

For more information, call Linda Alexander, parade chairman, 410-592-7385.

SATURDAY
AUGUST 27
SUBMERGED
AQUATIC VEGETA-
TION (SAV) HUNT

Ever wonder why some grass grows underwater? Join The Estuary Center for canoeing and underwater grass exploration 1 to 5 p.m. This free event is for ages 12 and older. Youths 12 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Learn how to identify different plants, why they are an important resource to the Bay and what plants grow in the area.

For information, directions, or to make a reservation (required), call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, x1688.

SATURDAY THRU SAT-
URDAY
AUGUST 27 THRU
SEPTEMBER 17
HARFORD COUNTY
HOLDS SENIOR
OLYMPICS

The Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation will host the 10th Annual Senior Olympics - North Chesapeake Region at various locations throughout the county. The games are open to men and women in age groups 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74 and 80 and older.

Team competition and events include volleyball, 3-on-3 basketball, aquatics,

archery, cycling, golf, horse-shoes, miniature golf, racquetball, track and field, football throw and more.

The deadline for registration is July 22. Application forms are available by calling 410-692-7820 or 410-612-1606.

For more information and/or to apply as a volunteer, contact the department at 410-692-7820 or 410-612-1606.

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MOVIES

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Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard
To verify listing, call 410-272-9008.

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Friday, June 24, 7 p.m.

Starring: Orlando Bloom, Liam Neeson, David Thewlis

Bailian (Bloom), a young French blacksmith, is mourning the loss of his wife and son when he's confronted by his estranged father, Godfrey of Ibelin (Neeson), the baron to the king of Jerusalem and a man committed to keeping peace in the holy land despite the increasing possibility of war. (Rated R)

MONSTER-IN-LAW
(FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, June 25, 7 p.m.

Starring: Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan

Charlie (Lopez) thinks she's found the man of her dreams in Kevin (Vartan), and when he proposes to her, she quickly accepts.

The problem is, Kevin's mom (Fonda), a recently fired news anchor, is determined to stop her son from making what she feels is a huge mistake. Before long, the two women are engaged in an epic battle for Kevin's loyalty. (Rated PG-13)

UNLEASHED

Saturday, June 25, 9 p.m.

Starring: Jet Li, Morgan Freeman, Bob Hoskins

Danny (Li) has been raised by his master, Bart (Hoskins), to be a champion in illegal fight clubs, leaving him mentally undeveloped and restrained by an electronic dog collar that keeps him from going nuts. After Bart is in an accident, Danny is adopted by a blind pianist (Freeman), who teaches him that there's more to life than kicking butt. (Rated R)

Host families needed

Ripken Stadium hosts
2005 Cal Ripken
World Series

Host families are needed to host two 12-year olds during the 2005 Cal Ripken World Series at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen Aug. 9 to 21.

Game dates are Aug. 12 to 21. One hundred host families are needed to house approximately 210 players.

Volunteer parents will be required to provide beds for two players, and carpool them to every game or practice, or arrange transportation with another host family.

Host families will receive two tournament passes and assistance with groceries, gas, laundry detergent and sports drinks.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Leslie Dubuc of the Ripken Foundation at 410-823-0808, extension 154, or fax 410-823-0850; e-mail leslie@ripkenfoundation.org; or visit the Web site, <http://worldseries.ripken-baseball.com>.



Post Shorts

available resources and needs for volunteers at APG.

For more information, call Sarah Staats 410-278-2464 or e-mail sarah.staats@apg.army.mil.

Dental Clinic holds ribbon cutting

The APG Dental Clinic Command will conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Edgewood Dental Clinic 11 a.m., June 28.

Dental Command news

The Edgewood Dental Clinic reopened June 6 with new hours--7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sick call hours are 7 to 8 a.m.

The dental clinic will no longer shuttle Soldiers to the Aberdeen Clinic. For appointments call 410-436-3481.

Effective July 11, the hours of operation at the Aberdeen Clinic will change to Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sick call hours will remain 7 to 8 a.m.

Summer rotations will cre-

ate a severe personnel shortage therefore limiting availability for teeth cleaning appointments at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood clinics. For more information on the Aberdeen Dental Clinic Command, contact Sgt. 1st Class Karen Rooks, 410-278-1795.

CWF presents a Medieval Banquet

All ye fair maidens, gents and the bairns are invited to attend a Medieval Banquet 7 to 11 p.m., July 15 at Top of the Bay. The cost is \$40 per person and \$29 per child 10 years of age and younger and includes soup, chicken, oven roasted potatoes, bread, corn on the cob, brownies, musical entertainment provided by the Lady Fingers, storytelling and a live jester. Childrens' meal includes chicken fingers, french fries and a vegetable. All food will be eaten in Medieval style -- no utensils allowed.

For more information or to make reservations, call the Civilian Welfare Fund Office, 410-278-4603/4771 or e-mail angela.keithley@apg.army.mil.

Post AA meetings suspended

Effective immediately, the Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held at the Post Chapel on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. are suspended.

Depending on the level of interest or demonstrated need, they may be resurrected in the fall. For more information, call the chapel, 410-278-4333.

Fuel Station closes on Ozone Action Days

When forecasted code "Orange" and code "Red" Ozone Action Days occur, the Directorate of Installation Operations will close the government fueling stations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at building 4029 in Aberdeen and building E-4017 in Gunpowder Neck.

Compressed natural gas and diesel fuel pumps will remain open during forecasted OADs. The use of compressed natural gas in dual fuel vehicles is strongly encouraged to reduce harmful air emissions, especially on a declared OAD.

In the event of an emergency, i.e., an emergency vehicle needs refueling between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., call 410-278-2871/3414 or 410-436-3270 to request DIO personnel to open the pumps.

MWR needs volunteers for concert

Morale, Welfare and Recreation needs volunteers for the 2005 Miller Lite Army Concert featuring Terri Clark, Chely Wright, Julie Roberts and Miranda Lambert scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20.

Jobs include gate workers, ticket sellers, concession workers, sponsorship assistants and warehouse workers.

Volunteers must be 18 or older and available to work from 4 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 20. For more information, or to volunteer, call Ruth Overbay, 410-278-9536 or e-mail her at ruth.overbay@usag.apg.army.mil.

KUSAHC to begin using third party billing, collection program

A third party Other Health Insurance verification card will be required prior to pick up of any pharmaceuticals beginning June 20. If the card has expired, visit the Patient Administration Office at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic for renewal of the card and update supplemental healthcare insurance information in the medical record. Timely renewal of the card will prevent delays in receiving services at KUSAHC.

All non-active duty beneficiaries are requested to review their third party billing card to ensure that it has not met the expiration date. Service member's insurance information and card must be verified and updated annually.

Edgewood Chapel offers children's program

The Edgewood Chapel Protestant Community offers a Children's Program every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. at the Chapel Annex. The program includes Children's Bible Study, music, arts and crafts and more.

For more information, e-mail Diezhandino@yahoo.com or call 410-278-8717.

Waiting Families Support Group meeting

Army Community Service will hold a Waiting Families Support Group meeting, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., June 30, for spouses of military who are deployed, on an unaccompanied tour or extended temporary duty travel. Spouses are invited to attend and speak with others in the same situation.

Free childcare is available and light refreshments will be served. Register by June 23.

For more information or to

register, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669.

RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., June 30, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topic will be an update on the Other Edgewood Areas Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

Introductory sports playgroup

A new introductory sports playgroup program for Family Child Care youths will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Thursday at the Edgewood Youth Center, weather permitting. The program will not be held on holidays. This program will launch children's interest in sports in a non-competitive fashion.

For more information, call Chris Fielder at 410-436-2862.

Coffee house invites service members

All APG service members are invited to visit the Christian Coffee House, also known as "The Well," for a spiritually refreshing good time. Lounge on sofas and chat with friend, watch movies on the big screen TV, enjoy free refreshments, play games, listen to live music or join in with your own voice or instrument. Located in building 4308, next to the Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion barracks, "The Well" is open every Thursday, 6:30 p.m. until everyone leaves.

For more information, contact Spc. Steven Presser, chaplain assistant, 410-278-5395.

TRICARE briefing

Military families are invited to a briefing on the US Family Health Plan at Johns Hopkins, a TRICARE option, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., June 30, in the APG Recreation Center television room. The session is open to all DEERS-eligible active duty family members and retirees of all ages and their family members of the seven uniformed services, family members of Reserve/National Guard on active duty for 31 days or more, unremarried spouses and qualified unmarried children of deceased retired service members.

For more information, to schedule a private consultation or to make a reservation, call 1-800-808-7347 or 443-287-2529.

Veterans' voices

DAV Women Veterans hold forum in Maryland

DAV MD

The DAV Department of Maryland Women Veteran's Committee, under the guidance of Commander Wilbur Forbes, had a very successful Women Veterans Forum at the Annual State Convention in Ocean City, Md., June 2.

"This is the tenth year for our committee and this was the best committee ever," said chairperson JoAnn Fisher, who congratulated committee members Stephanie Cooper, Connie Gilbert, Jan Holland and Jacinta McCreary.

The Eastern Shore Honor Guard started off the event with Jan Holland leading the national anthem. The guest speaker was Command Sgt. Maj. Michele S. Jones of the Army Reserve who left the podium to shake guests' hands and present them with a fresh rose.

Jones received a Governor's Citation presented by Secretary George W. Owings III, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs; an Award of Recognition from the DAV Women Veterans Committee; and a key to Ocean City presented by Mayor James Mathias.

Owings received a painting titled "Women in

the Military" as a tribute to women veterans, which will be shown around the state.

The names of 42 women killed during the war in Iraq was read during a solemn candle light vigil, followed by a panel presentation led by Stephanie Cooper, DAV National Service Officer; Katherine O'Neill Tracy, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); Linda S. Piquet, VA Compensation & Pension Service; and Betty Moseley Brown, Associate Director of VA Center for Women Veterans.

In addition, DAV Women Veterans Committee presented Recognition Awards to Cathy Hampton and Wanda Story of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114 for their positive contribution to women in the military, active, disabled and retired.

The Women Veterans Committee thanks Gov. Robert Ehrlich, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, National Disabled American Veterans, Veteran Affairs of Washington, D.C., the Maryland BRAC, the Maryland Army Reserves and Dr. & Mrs. Roscoe Moore for their assistance and support.

Vietnam War MIA serviceman identified

JPAC

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced in June that the remains of a U.S. Air Force pilot from North Dakota, who was missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Lt. Col. Darel D. Leetun was listed as MIA after an operation in North Vietnam.

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, based at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, recovered Leetun's remains during field operations after extensive investigations.

JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory determined Leetun's identity through scientific analysis that included DNA comparison.

On Sept. 17, 1966, Leetun led a flight of four F-105D

Thunderchief aircrafts on an armed reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam.

As the aircraft neared the target area, the crew of the trailing aircraft saw an explosion on the fuselage of Leetun's F-105D. His aircraft was then seen crashing in the Lang Son Province area. The crew following him did not see a parachute or receive an emergency beeper signal.

Leetun was determined to be MIA at the time since his fate remained unknown.

While in MIA status, Leetun was promoted from captain to lieutenant colonel.

In time, a review board changed his status to Killed in Action.

Leetun's remains will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, and services are scheduled for July 8.

Of the 88,000 Americans missing in action from all con-

flicts, 1,836 are from the Vietnam War, with 1,399 of those within the country of Vietnam.

Another 747 Americans have been accounted for since the end of the Vietnam War.

WWII MIA service members identified

JPAC

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced that the remains of two U.S. Army service members missing in action from World War II have been identified March 30 and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

Virginia resident Sgt. John T. Puckett and Kansas resident Pvt. Earnest E. Brown were listed as presumed dead after a mission in Belgium.

Puckett, 21 years old, and Brown, 29, were assigned to Company B, 394th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division which was operating near the town of Elsenborn. Jan. 15, 1945, Puckett and Brown were with a combat patrol that was investigating a wooded area near their camp for German soldiers. The patrol came under enemy gun and mortar fire. Because of the intense enemy activity, rescue and recovery attempts were

futile. Puckett and Brown were not seen again.

In 1992, two Belgian nationals, with an interest in the wartime efforts of the 99th Infantry Division, located and excavated an abandoned fighting position in the forest near Elsenborn, Belgium. Their excavation yielded what they believed were the skeletal remains of two American Soldiers. The recovered remains and other artifacts were turned over to U.S. officials in Europe, and transferred to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command's Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii, in September 1999.

In March 2005, JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory officially determined that the remains were those of Puckett and Brown. Scientists from JPAC used mitochondrial DNA as one of the forensic tools to identify the remains. A pillbox lid and cloth rank insignia that dates to 1944 are personal effects that were also

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Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Activities

Operating hours

The MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the first and third Friday of every month. If that is a training holiday, the office will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Thursday prior.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting MWR Registration, building 3326, or visiting online at www.apgmwr.com.

‘Putt 4 Dough’

Go for the green on July 16 at Ruggles Golf Course with the Army Golf program.

Army Golf Courses will host a ‘Putt 4 Dough’ promotion this summer, in conjunction with the Summer Scramble.

Someone at each Army installation could win \$10,000.

Participants of the promotion will put their putter to the test.

All it takes to win is to make three successive putts in a row from 10 foot, 25 foot and 50 foot and a golfer could win the \$10,000 prize purse.

The promotion is open to everyone, no golf experience

needed.

Stop by the Ruggles Golf Course, 410-278-4794, or Exton Golf Course, 410-436-2213, for more details on how to ‘Putt 4 Dough.’

For a copy of the official rules and a list of the participating locations, visit www.ArmyMWRGolf.com.

Rental special for Independence Day

It’s independence day from high prices from outside retail renters. The Equipment Resource Center will rent any item from July 1 to 5 for only a one-day rental fee for that item.

Patrons may pick up the requested item after 1 p.m., July 1 and return by appointment on July 5.

For more information or to see the huge list of items available, visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation/equipment.html.

British Soccer Camp

Camp begins the first week of August, with a mini soccer camp 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and a half day camp 10:10 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. at the Youth Soccer Field.

Cost is \$69 for Mini Soccer and \$98 for half-day camp. Register early and receive a free jersey. All participants will receive a T-shirt and soccer ball.

Registration runs through July 15.

Jujitsu

These instructional classes in the “ancient art of hand-to-hand combat” are designed to

enable the student to become proficient in the art of self-defense. The course includes learning take-downs, grappling, gripping, and ground floor fighting to subdue an opponent.

Students will be responsible for obtaining any individualized equipment needed for the program.

The instructor for this course will be Grandmaster Irving Soto, a 10th degree black and red belt, who has experience as an actor, stuntman, musician and was honored in the International Hall of Fame.

Friday Social at Top of the Bay

Free munchies, music and games are featured at the Friday Social, 4 to 8 p.m. in the Down Under. Additional beverages and food are available for purchase.

Rock climbing, darts, cards and table tennis are now being featured. Participants could win prizes and trips.

Rollerblading

A certified ISA instructor will teach the fundamentals of rollerblading. Hands-on skating techniques proven to be effective when practiced correctly will be covered. Participants must wear protective equipment to include wristlits, pants and shirt while learning to skate.

Cost is \$10. Class meets Friday, 5 to 6 p.m. at the Russell Gym, building 3330. Register by July 13.

Introduction to Cooking

Class teaches basic cooking

procedures used in preparing home-cooked meals, special dinners, desserts, and other menu items. Cost is \$25. Class

meets on Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Aberdeen Recreation Center. Register by Aug. 8

Join the boat club

The Spesutie Island Boating Activity is accepting applications for the 2005 season.

Membership is open to active duty military, full time Army National Guard, retired military, APG DoD/Nonappropriated Fund civilian employees, retired APG DA civilians, and long-term contractors with government ID card.

Membership requirements include performance of 10 hours of work and standing assigned security watches.

Members must provide proof of identifica-

tion, boat registration and liability insurance.

Costs are:

- \$20 per foot for a moored boat with parking lot space for trailers
- \$11.50 per foot for moored boat only
- \$8.50 per foot for a boat on a trailer in a parking lot space
- \$8 per foot for ramp access only

Applications can be picked up at the SIBA Club house, building 36 or at Outdoor Recreation.

For more information, call 410-278-4124.

APG pool openings

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Bayside, building E-4655 and Olympic pools, building 3325, is open daily. Hours of operation are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Shore Pool, building 2031, open June 13 and closes Aug. 21. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Daily fee

The daily fee costs \$3 per person for “authorized” (ID card holder or military) patrons 6 years old and above; \$5 per person for “guests” (non-government) 6 years old and above; and \$1 per person for “guests” ages 5 and younger.

Individual monthly fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 are \$10, all others cost \$20.

Family monthly fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 are \$20, all others cost \$40.

Individual season fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 cost \$30, all others cost \$50.

Family season fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 cost \$60, all others cost \$100.

Passes are available for purchase at Equipment Resource Center, building 2407 or Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210.

For more information, call the Equipment Resource Center at 410-278-4124 or e-mail ourdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

2005 Tee Time Golf Pass now on sale

The 2005 Tee Time Golf Pass, on sale at Ruggles Golf Course for \$45, offers discounts at 362 courses in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Tee Time members pay only the cart fee at these courses. More than 210 courses offer either one free play with one paid or discounted player’s fee. Tee Time members save from \$10 to \$40 each time they tee it up. Almost 150 courses offer free green fees in 2005.

More than 50 courses on the pass are within an hour’s drive of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Tee Time Golf Pass retails for \$50.

For golfers who like to travel, the addition of courses in Williamsburg and Atlantic City is welcome news. Mays Landing, Harbor Pines, McCullough’s Emerald Isle, and Twisted Dunes in Atlantic County join The Links at Brigantine and Cape May National in offering superior

discounts on the Jersey Shore.

Two nationally acclaimed venues in Williamsburg, The Tradition at Royal New Kent and The Tradition at Stonehouse, were added to an already strong line-up of layouts in Tidewater, Va.

More than a dozen quality layouts in the Ocean City, Md., area are included. Pinehurst and Myrtle Beach are two other destinations featuring courses in 2005.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

The following is a list of some new books available at the APG MWR Library:

Rage by Jonathan Kellerman

It has been eight years since two teenage boys murdered a two-year-old, and Alex Delaware has pushed his role in the drama out of his mind. Then a phone call from one of the boys, now released at age 21, brings the sad, sordid circumstances back.

Act of War by Dale Brown

Jason Richter is a designer of an array of futuristic infantry weapons and devices used to hunt down a new breed of enemy. His partner is an FBI agent, who is caught between the terrorists who kill without remorse and the high-tech military hunter-killers who will stop at nothing to destroy them.

Search Angel by Mark Nykanen

Suzanne Trayle is a “search angel,” a sort of private detective for adoptees looking for their biological parents. Her antagonist is a serial killer, who travels the country murdering mothers who gave up their babies for adoption. Suzanne becomes a target when she admits to having given up a child herself.

The library’s Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html, provides access to the library’s online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library’s new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

Upcoming Driver Education Classes available

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Youth Services will present state certified Driver’s Education classes 30 hours of instruction each and will begin on a Wednesday and end on Tuesday of the second week. There will be no classes on holidays. Parents and students must attend the first hour of class together (June 4 and 8, and July 13, and 16) to review rules and procedures.

The following classes are scheduled:
Aberdeen Area, CPO Training Facility building 5467, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

July 13 through 26
Aug. 10 through 23
Sept. 14 through 27
Oct. 12 through 25
Nov. 9 through 22
Saturday class, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Aug. 20 through Sept. 24
Nov. 5 through Dec. 3

Edgewood Area, Conference Center, building E-4811

June 27 through July 12 (closed July 1 through 4)

July 27 through Aug. 9
Aug. 24 through Sept. 8 (closed Sept. 2 through 5)

Sept. 28 through Oct. 11
Oct. 26 through Nov. 8
Nov. 28 through Dec. 9
Saturday class, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
July 16 through Aug. 13
Oct. 1 through 29

Students should bring their lunch to classes on Saturdays.

The cost is \$295 plus \$18 registration/membership fee for teens or family members 15 years of age or older, of military, retired, DoD (and DA) personnel and contractors who work at APG per student. Adults may also register on a case-by-case basis.

To register for classes in Aberdeen, call Christina Keithley, 410-278-7571 or Pat Palazz, 410-278-7479, building 2752. For Edgewood classes, visit the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon. and 3 to 6 p.m.

For more information, call Greg Williams, Rules Driving School, Inc., 410-939-7008 or 937-2184, or Ivan Mehosky, 410-278-2857.

APG Bowling News

Bowling leagues forming

Summer Leagues beginning soon

Adult/Youth League starts July 8, 12 weeks long, start time 6 p.m. Handicap is based on 90 percent of 200. Cost is \$6 per person per week.

Winter leagues looking for bowlers

A Saturday Youth League for ages 5 and older starts 9:30 a.m., Sept. 1 for \$5 per person per week. A banquet is held at the end of the season.

A Monday Doubles League starts Sept. 12, start time 6 p.m., any combination (all men, women, mixed). Handicap based on 90 percent of 200. Cost is \$8 per week per person. Cash prizes are awarded at the end of league bowling.

A Tuesdays Doubles league starts 6 p.m., Sept. 13. Handicap is based on 90 percent of 200. Cost is \$8 per person per week. Cash prizes are awarded at the end of league bowling.

New hours announced

New hours for July and August are:
Sunday, Monday and holidays, closed
Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday, 11 a.m. through 10 p.m.
Saturday, 1 through 10 p.m.

Sign up for Upper Deck Kids Club bowling league

A new youth league, Upper Deck Kids Club, will run July 9 through Sept 3 at the APG Bowling Center.

Upper Deck Kid’s Club will reward each bowler with a new pack of ESPN baseball player trading cards each week of the league.

At the start of the league, bowlers will receive an exclusive baseball card collector’s album, equipped with sleeves to display all their cards. During the ninth and final week of bowling, each bowler will receive a “blaster box” which contains another eight packs of cards.

In each new pack of cards, bowlers could receive a ‘chaser’ card, which could be:
Signature Cards - 1 in 480 chance of getting a card with authenticated player signature
Sports Center Swatch Cards - 1 in 12 chance of getting a card with actual game-used jersey swatch

Themed Cards - 1 in 4 chance of getting cards with ESPN The Magazine cover, ESPY award winners, etc.

E-Cards - 1 in 24 chance of getting an e-card with scratch off to win prizes at www.upperdeck.com.

The league costs \$8 per person per week and includes two games with shoe rental. Start time will be 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Bowling is ‘Cosmic.’

To sign up for the league, call Dave Brewner, APG Bowling Center, 410-278-4041.

APG lunch options

Recreation Center Snack Bar

Building 3326
Serves lunch Monday thru Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-2621.

Ruggles Golf Course

Sutherland Golf Clubhouse
Building 5600
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday thru Sunday, 7 a.m. to dusk.
For more information, call 410-278-7263.

Top of the Bay

Building 30
Lunch is served Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-3062.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar

Building 2342
Specials for June 27 through July 3
Includes one free game of bowling and choice of:
Chicken cheese steak with chips and 16 oz. soda, \$7
OR
BLT with fries and 16 oz. soda, \$4.25



May, June CAC focuses on summer, safety and customer service

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Action Council meeting, held at the Post Chapel June 16, focused on summer issues such as bug spraying, the August concert, and air conditioning work order requests.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby chaired the June meeting.

Also in attendance was Command Sgt. Maj. Eloy H. Alcivar, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

“One of my priorities is to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their family members,” Alcivar said. “I’m very sensitive about customer service and I’m asking all to be more service conscious when serving our Soldiers and their family members. If we treat the customer differently, they will react differently.”

Information regarding last month’s CAC held May 19 and chaired by Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, was included in the June report.

The next CAC will be held July 28, 9:30 a.m. at the Post Chapel.

Chaplain

All are invited to attend the Christian concert featuring the parody rock group ApologetiX at the Post Theater, 5 p.m., June 26.

Vacation Bible School is planned for Aug. 1 to 5. Volunteers are needed. Contact the Aberdeen Chapel at 410-278-4333.

DLES

With a 96 percent success rate, the Click It Or Ticket campaign has been a “high success,” according to Robert Krauer, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

The Wise Road gate closed June 17 and will remain closed until construction is completed. The Magnolia gate is now in use for government ID card holders only. The Route 24 gate remains the only 24-hour gate in operation.

The Garrison commander has issued an unlicensed motorized vehicle use policy which states that “motorized

scooters, mini-bikes, pocket bikes, and off-the-road motorcycles (unlicensed) may not be operated on any highway, roadway or sidewalk on APG to include the housing areas and service roads. All terrain vehicles (ATV), go carts, golf carts or similar vehicles may not be operated on any highway, roadway or sidewalk on APG.”

The letter further states that the installation is too congested to allow for the safe use of these types of vehicles. The policy is effective immediately. For more information, contact Officer Joseph Davis, DLES, 410-278-2744.

With school out for the summer, motorists should slow down going through the housing areas. Also, be on the look out for children on bicycles, skateboards and scooters. If they are riding these they should be wearing helmets.

Community Police Officer

DLES officer Mike Farlow said the Special Olympics Torch Run, involving 30 officers from the APG Police Academy, was the largest showing ever for DLES.

Regarding the Bicycle Rodeo, held June 18, Farlow said the goal is to get the community involved in safety.

“We can’t do everything. It takes the whole community,” he said.

DMWR

Updated MWR directories are available at the MWR facilities on the installation.

Don’t forget Social Hour at Top of the Bay on Fridays.

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park is now open daily, Monday to Thursday, 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday 1 to 10 p.m.; Sunday and holidays, 1 to 8 p.m.

Try out the batting cage, arcade go-cart track or miniature golf. Call 410-278-9920 for more information.

Swimming pool passes are on sale. For current fees, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/swimming.html>. Passes are available for purchase at Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124 or Hoyle Fitness Center 410-436-7134.

The Medieval Banquet at Top of the Bay, 5 p.m., July

15, features entertainment, a court jester and a medieval meal eaten without utensils. Price is \$40. For more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

DIO

Work order issues and procedures centered on how to request work order repair appointments.

Customers are reminded to call the Work Order Service Desk and not the Housing Office for work order requests.

“Housing does not do work orders,” Irby said. “Make sure your Soldiers know this.”

“The housing office will take the information and pass it on,” added Pat Hector, ???.

The service desk phone number for Aberdeen and Gunpowder is 410-306-1400, or from on post, 41400.

To submit work orders through the DIO intranet:

- Connect to the APG home page, <http://www.apg.army.mil/>.
- From the column on the left side, select DIRECTORIES.
- Then select INSTALLATION OPERATION.
- Scroll to the bottom center of the page and select WORK ORDER DESK.
- From there, anyone may submit a Service Order or check status on a previously submitted request.
- When the service order is approved by the Service Order Desk, the requestor will be e-mailed the Service Order

Number for tracking purposes.

• Work orders for work sites must go through the building custodian and include a Customer ID code.

Housing

The Gunpowder Community Yard Sale will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 9 and 10. Rain dates are July 16 and 17.

ACS

A Waiting Family Support Group will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., June 30, in building 2754. The support group is designed to assist military families with a deployed family member on unaccompanied tours or extended temporary duty. Register by June 23. Call Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669 to register.

A Newcomers Orientation will be held 1 to 3 p.m., July 14, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center.

AAFES

Gasoline service at the Aberdeen Shoppette will go to a 24-hour operation as soon as extra spare parts to handle break downs due to heavier than normal usage are received.

Pest control

Installation entomologist Abdul Sheikh said that fogging for mosquitoes begins after the July 4 holiday weekend.

With summer activities on the increase, everyone should familiarize themselves with the correct tick removal procedures. According to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive

Medicine, if a tick is found on the body, seek assistance from medical authorities for proper removal or use the following guidelines:

1. Grasp the tick’s mouthparts against the skin, using pointed tweezers.
2. Pull back slowly and steadily with gentle force. Pull in the reverse direction in which the mouth is inserted, as with a splinter. Be patient, the mouthpart is covered with sharp hairy barbs, sometime making removal difficult and time consuming. It is important to continue to pull steadily until the tick can be eased out of the skin.
3. Do not pull back sharply as this may tear the mouthparts from the body of the tick, leaving it embedded in the skin.
4. Do not squeeze or crush the body of the tick as this may force infective body fluids through the mouthparts and into the wound site.
5. Do not apply substances such as petroleum jelly, finger-nail polish or nail polish remover, repellents, pesticides, or a lighted match to the tick while it is attached. These materials are ineffective and may agitate the tick and cause it to salivate or regurgitate infective fluid into the wound site.
6. After removal of the tick, wash the wound and your hands with soap and water and apply an antiseptic.
7. Save the tick in a jar, vial, small plastic bag or container for identification should symptoms develop later. Preserve the tick by adding alcohol or by freezing. Storing a tick in water will not preserve it.

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8. Discard the tick after one month. All known tick-borne diseases generally display symptoms within this time period.

For more information, visit www.chppm-www.apgea.army.mil.

Retiree Council/Coast Guard Auxiliary

In May, Charles Shadle, chairman of the APG Retiree Council commented that retirees are concerned that BRAC changes at APG will force the closure of the commissary and PX.

Wright said that the BRAC is a process that will take place over a period of 4 to 6 years and that expected changes will be discussed a Town Hall meeting in the near future.

“Some of the merchandise lines carried may change, but everything will be pretty much the same as normal until we have studied the affects of the BRAC moves,” Wright said.

Shadle said the auxiliary is currently involved in homeland security and water safety and that classes are available for units, organizations and individuals.

TRICARE

The installations’ new TRICARE representatives introduced themselves. They are Jackie Tucker, 410-278-4805, and Renee Smith, 410-278-1719.

College

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MCRP covers fiscal year 2002 to 2005. APG was delayed in complying due to a shortage of personnel, Ethridge said.

“Basically, there was no one to run the program, so we have had to move quickly,” he said.

In April, Ethridge hosted a

meeting of team members, representatives from APG organizations, who will implement the program. They include Shirley Mason, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; Joan Hauser, U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command Acquisition Center; Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino, Garrison EO advisor; Dr. Harold Banks, U.S. Army

Research Development and Engineering Command; Johnny Graham, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity; Allan Samuels, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center; Patricia Huber, Army Contracting Agency; Walter Henry, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security; and E’Meka Diggs, U.S. Army Audit Agency.

The team will meet with the Garrison commander, Col. John T. Wright, periodically to provide status and progress on the implementation of MRCP.

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Metals

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of in the dumpsters.”

She said that contractors who empty refuse dumpsters must remove any metals found before the refuse can be burned. “In addition to that cost, it also causes equipment problems,” she said. “If a metal is not observed by the refuse handler, and it is emptied into the truck, the mechanical equipment within the truck can be damaged.”

This year, there were three repairs to garbage trucks, with each repair ranging from \$300 to \$500.

Currently, the refuse contractor has been directed to remove the dumpsters and clean them out, but that also is costing the installation extra.

“If the practice continues, as we identify the dumpsters that are contaminated, the directorate is considering

charging the tenants for the additional costs,” Meranski said.

“All we are asking for people to do is comply with the proper disposal procedures,” Meranski said, noting that other objects frequently found in the dumpsters include construction materials and household items, which are unauthorized and costly to the installation.

“There are places designated for the proper disposal of all these materials,” Meranski said.

They include the collection center located at building 3558 and the compound across from the Office Eagle Store. These locations will accept material for disposal on Tuesday and Thursday. In Gunpowder, collection days are Monday and Wednesday.

For more information, contact Meranski at 410-306-2337 or DRMO at 410-278-2216.

APG Recycle and Reuse programs

www.apg.army.mil

Scrap Metal Recycling

The most successful APG recycling program has been the scrap metal program, which collects ferrous and nonferrous metals (aluminum, brass, copper, iron, steel, titanium) and sells them to businesses that use them to manufacture new products.

As the most cost-effective recycling program at APG, it requires continued participation by all personnel to maximize the recovery of valuable metal.

APG has several recycling, reuse, and waste reduction programs that minimize the amount of solid waste incinerated and land filled. These programs also help APG comply with federal and state laws and Army policies that call for reducing the disposal of solid and hazardous wastes. APG’s residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial activities all participate in these programs.

DRMO Surplus

Surplus equipment and supplies are turned in to DRMO for reuse, resale, and recycling. They include computers, furniture, tires, vehicles, vehicle batteries, computer diskettes, compact disks, cable/wire, used oil and military textiles.

For more information on the scrap metal recycling or DRMO surplus programs, call 410-278-2216.



Army News



Army awards MPs for turning table on ambush

Army News Service

The first female Soldier since World War II to be awarded a Silver Star Medal received it in Iraq June 16, and seven other members of her National Guard military police company received citations for valor after helping turn the tide of a convoy ambush earlier this spring.

Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester received the Silver Star, the Army's third highest award for valor, in a morning ceremony at Camp Liberty, Iraq. Staff Sgt. Timothy Nein and Spc. Jason Mike also received Silver Stars at the ceremony.

Three other members of the same squad received a Bronze Star with valor device: Spc. Casey Cooper, Spc. William Haynes II and Spc. Ashley Pullen. Sgt. Dustin Morris and Spc. Jesse Ordunez received an Army Commendation Medal with valor device. All are members of the Kentucky National Guard's

617th Military Police Company.

The Soldiers thwarted an insurgent attack against a coalition convoy March 20. The convoy of 26 supply vehicles was ambushed by about 40 insurgents southeast of Baghdad.

The 45-minute firefight left 27 insurgents dead, six wounded, and one captured. Three of the 617th Soldiers were wounded.

The MPs also confiscated a sizable weapons cache, including 22 AK-47 machine guns, 13 RPK rifles, six rocket-propelled grenade launchers, 16 RPG rockets, and about 40 hand grenades.

MPs shadow 18-wheelers

The firefight took place the morning of March 20, as the squad of Kentucky MPs were shadowing a convoy on a supply route southeast of Baghdad.

Twenty-six supply vehicles, many of which

were 18-wheelers, were heading south on the heavily traveled route. They were driving one behind the other like ducks in a row, with a security convoy of three gun trucks interlaced between — one up front, one in the middle, one in the rear.

Trailing the convoy and not far out of sight were the 617th MPs in three armored Humvees [high mobility multi purpose vehicles].

Each Humvee contained a trio of Soldiers, each laden with weapons and gear, except for the trail vehicle, which also carried a medic. Gunners stood ready in the turrets with .50-caliber machine guns and Mark-19 grenade launchers.

The vehicle commanders, drivers and medic kept their eyes peeled and weapons at the ready just in case something out of the ordinary happened. That morning, something did.

Ambush kicks up dust

"We observed the convoy we were trailing starting to make erratic movements," said Staff Sgt. Timothy F. Nein, leader, second squad.

"We saw a lot of dust being kicked up by the convoy vehicles, as if they were being engaged by an (improvised explosive device) or an ambush, so we knew something was wrong.

"My gunner said he could hear shots being fired, so we picked up the pace," Nein said.

"We moved to contact," Nein said. "We got the vehicles on the contact side, in between the convoy and the insurgents. As we got up on that side of the road, we realized through previous reconnaissance of the area that there was a road that paralleled the field going south."

MPs flank insurgents

The squad then proceeded down the main road and took a right onto the side road to flank the insurgents. "At that time," Nein said, "We noticed seven vehicles the insurgents had staged and ready.

"Doors open, trunks open; ready for a quick escape. Once we turned down that road, the insurgents didn't have a choice but to stay and fight. We had just cut off their escape route."

As soon as the squad rolled into the fray, the insurgents adjusted fire.

"As we came on the scene, the insurgents' fire all shifted," Nein said. "They realized who they needed to fire on.

"They quickly shifted all fire from the transportation convoy to us. As soon as we cut back to get in between the convoy and the insurgents, the windshield of my driver (Sgt. Dustin T. Morris) took two direct hits. The bullets failed to defeat the armored glass," Nein said.

Humvee armor helps MPs

Atop the same truck was .50-cal. gunner Spc. Casey M. Cooper. He said when they turned down the side road, massive gunfire was coming their way.

Rounds from small arms came toward them and impacted the rear door and its window, which yet again failed to penetrate the Humvee's armor. What happened next shocked and stunned Cooper.

"I just saw something coming at me, and fast. It just so happened to be a (rocket propelled grenade)," he said.

The round impacted right above the rear passenger door, right below where Cooper was positioned in the turret.

"It knocked me out — completely unconscious," he said.

Injured keep on fighting

Only sustaining minor shrapnel wounds around the right eye and hand, Cooper would be fine, but one Soldier in the group thought he

was dead. The soldier said he went up and shook Cooper, at which point he popped awake and started firing again.

In the vehicle following right behind Nein, Cooper, and Morris was 23-year-old Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester, team leader and vehicle commander from Bowling Green, Ky. Hester and her crew saw the RPG hit the lead vehicle.

"Nein's vehicle took a direct hit with an RPG as soon as we made that turn," Hester said. "I heard it hit, saw the smoke, but we kept pushing on.

"I saw Staff Sgt. Nein jump out of the truck. As soon as I saw him jump out, I was right there," Hester said. From there, Hester, Nein and company pressed their flanking advantage and engaged the enemy full force.

"On the right hand side was a berm. They were still shooting at us from there and from down in a trench line," Hester said.

Hester presses fire

"So we returned fire. I think I shot off three M203 (grenade launcher) rounds, and I don't know how many M4 (assault rifle) rounds I shot. I know I hit one of the RPK (Russian-made light machine gun) gunners," she said.

Nein and Hester were side by side, and both were being engaged with small arms fire.

"Both Sgt. Hester's and my vehicles were being engaged by an insurgent with an RPK somewhere out in the orchard field," Nein said. "I could also see an insurgent with an RPG trying to get around and fire on us.

We weren't engaging him at the time, but I think he thought we were going to. He was peering out from behind a tree, so we eliminated him."

Hester, Nein and their comrades continued to press the advantage, completely disrupting any plans the insurgents had at a successful attack. After the approximately 45-minute firefight, only three Soldiers from the 617th were wounded.

MPs take toll on enemy

Conversely, 27 insurgents were dead. Six others were wounded; one was captured. None escaped.

The MPs from second squad also 'cached' in, confiscating 22 AK-47 light machine guns, 13 RPKs, 6 RPGs, 16 RPG rockets, 123 full AK-47 ammunition magazines, 52 empty AK-47 magazines, one full AK-47 (75) round ammunition drum, an estimated 200 loose AK-47 ammunition rounds, 2,500 (7.62mm) belted ammunition rounds, and 40 hand grenades.

Commander lauds job well done

Capt. Todd M. Lindner, 617th company commander, said he went over the scenario in his head a hundred times to see what he might have done differently or done better. He said there was no better way than what his Soldiers did.

"They did exactly what they were supposed to do when supporting a convoy in that situation," Lindner said. "What their mission was in shadowing that convoy was to provide support in the event of an attack. What they were supposed to do was place themselves in between the attacking force and the convoy.

This would allow the convoy to escape the kill zone while they returned suppressive fire and ultimately defeated the enemy. That was exactly what they did."

(Editor's note: This article is based on an MNC-I news release and a March 23 article by Spc. Jeremy D. Crisp of MNC-I Public Affairs.)



Photo by SPC. JEREMY D. CRISP

Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester, vehicle commander, 617th Military Police Company, Richmond, Ky., stands at the position of attention before receiving the Silver Star at an awards ceremony at Camp Liberty, Iraq, June 16. Hester is the first female Soldier serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the first since World War II to receive the Silver Star.



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS MARSHALL P. WARE

Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester, team leader, 4th Platoon, 617th Military Police Company, stands in front of a captured weapons cache after her squad repelled an insurgent attack on a Coalition supply convoy March 20 about 18 miles southeast of Baghdad.

Motorcycle safety week emphasized June 27

MVA

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration has designated the week of June 27 to July 2 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Week to remind motorists and motorcyclists of their shared responsibility for safety during this time of year when more motorists are on the road.

According to the National High-way Traffic Safety Administration, approximately two-thirds of crashes involving a car and a motorcycle are the fault of the driver of the car, who generally does not see a motorcyclist in time or at all prior to a

crash. Motorcycles are harder to see in the traffic mix due to their smaller profile. Estimating the speed of a motorcycle is more difficult as well.

To promote safety on the road, the MVA is highlighting the importance of increased awareness of motorcycles in the transportation mix.

"Motorcycle safety is every vehicle operator's responsibility," said MVA administrator David H. Hugel. "Increased awareness of motorcycles and increased attention to their safe operation can

reduce accidents among all motor vehicles."

Anyone interesting in improving their riding skills and fine tuning driving strategies in an APG motorcycle safety training class, should call instructor Dave Backert, 443-910-1213. The course is for any licensed motorcyclist who wishes to continue to ride on APG.



Photo courtesy of RANDY REXRODE

Motorcycle safety instructor Dave Backert, left, observes students during skills test training on how to properly maneuver around obstacles they may encounter while riding on installation or state highways during an Aberdeen Proving Ground motorcycle safety course.

Helpful tips for drivers

Respect the motorcyclist. Motorcycles are vehicles with the same privileges as any vehicle on the roadway. Give the motorcyclist a full lane of travel.

Look for motorcycles. Motorcycles are smaller profile vehicles that are harder to see and whose speeds are more difficult to estimate. Look for motorcycles at intersections, especially before making a left turn. Check blind spots frequently before changing lanes. Always use turn signals.

Be courteous and respectful. Being courteous, non-aggressive and cooperative can go a long way in reducing crashes.

WWII

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provided to CIL. The items correlated to the last known area of the two soldiers.

The remains of Brown will be consigned to

Sharrett Cemetery, in Bristol, Va., at an unknown date, while the remains of Puckett were interred in the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Neuville-en-Conboz, Belgium, on June 18.

Helpful tips for motorcyclists

Make yourself visible. Choose riding gear that increases your visibility in traffic in addition to providing protection in the event of a crash. Use bright colors and retro-reflective strips or decals, especially at night.

Ride so you are seen. There is no safe place to ride. Use lane positioning to be seen. Ride with your headlight on and consider using a modulating headlight.

Give yourself space and time to react. Allow space for emergency braking or for avoiding a crash. You're your lane moves gradually.

Signal your intentions. Signal before changing lanes. Avoid weaving between lanes. Flash your brake lights when you are slowing down and before stopping.

Be courteous and respect other road users.

Wear a helmet that meets or exceeds U.S. Department of Transportation standards

Wear proper eye safety gear

Ride with headlights on

Ride sober

Get training

Eaglet returned to nest safely

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

After taking a 40-foot tumble from its nest, high atop a tower in the secure area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, a young eaglet was found by a biologist and returned safely to its nest June 14.

Endangered species biologist, John Paul, from the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, returned the eaglet with the help of Directorate of Installation Operations personnel using a bucket truck normally used for high wire maintenance.

The 8-pound eaglet was found by Joe Ondek, an ATSS environmentalist contractor with the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center during his daily survey rounds of nesting areas June 12. Ondek said he suspected the eaglet might have been blown from its nest during the strong thunderstorm two days before.

"I called it in and the Marine and Wildlife Police responded right away," Ondek said. "It didn't appear to be injured and they did a good job of apprehending it."

Not taking any chances, the eaglet was transported to a place where it could be examined to ensure it had sustained no injuries in the fall.

"We don't just put them back in the nest," Ondek said. "They should be examined for possible injury."

He added that the event was not unusual.

"I've found them in places I'm not even sure how they got there," he said. "We spend a lot of time making sure these birds are safe."

The eaglet was given to Kathy Woods, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator who provides services to the state of Maryland for these types of situations at no charge.

"She's only about 11 weeks old and unable

to fly just yet so she was unable to return to her nest," Woods said.

After giving the eaglet a clean bill of health, Woods met Ondek and Paul at the ATC gate two days later to return the eaglet to her nest.

Jim Eaton, Dave Stamper and Michael Teti were the high voltage electricians from DIO who assisted in the eaglet's return.

Eaton said that Raptor Protection is part of their job.

"A raptor is a bird of prey," Eaton said. "We're usually the ones who find the injured ones or those electrocuted on the wires."

To combat such incidents, they have installed thousands of bird diverters, small foil-like light reflectors, on high wires throughout the eagle nesting areas with the hope of discouraging the raptors from landing there.

"They are all over the Skippers Point picnic area," Eaton said.

"These birds are a protected species and the symbol of our country. It's up to all of us to do what we can to keep them safe," Paul said.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

John Paul, an endangered species biologist with the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, returns an APG eaglet covered with a white sack, to its nest atop a tower in the secure area of Aberdeen Proving Ground June 14. The eaglet was found on the ground two days earlier and was returned by environmentalists after it was examined and found to have no injuries.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
DIO electrician Dave Stamper, left, and biologist John Paul, center wait in the bucket of a DIO electrical repair truck as wildlife rehabilitator Kathy Woods, right, adjusts Paul's grip on the eaglet.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Endangered species biologist John Paul, right, avoids the eaglets' sharp talons, insert, with safety gloves after wildlife rehabilitator Kathy Woods, left, covers the eaglet with a white sack to calm it and to prevent its wings from spreading.



Photos by JOE ONDEK
A young APG eaglet spreads its wings while it is held high by wildlife rehabilitator Kathy Woods before being prepared for transport to its nest.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Dave Stamper, DIO electrician, right, helps endangered species biologist John Paul, of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, into a safety harness.



Photo by JOE ONDEK, ATC
Wildlife rehabilitator Kathy Woods grasps the eaglet by its legs after removing it from a carrier.

Illustration by
BLAKE VOSHELL

Background of illustration: Behind the headline small foil like reflectors, or bird diverters, are installed on high wires throughout eagle nesting areas on APG with the hope of discouraging raptors (eagles, hawks, falcons, etc.) from landing on them and getting electrocuted.